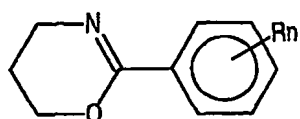


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

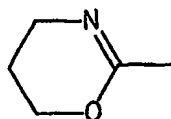
1. (original) Process for the preparation of a polymer composition, the process comprising a step of contacting a polymer that comprises carboxyl groups with a cyclic imino ether compound characterized in that the cyclic imino ether compound is a phenylene oxazine according to formula (I)



(I)

in which formula

R = an oxazine group according to formula (II)



(II)

n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 and that the polymer is contacted with said oxazine in an extruder at a temperature above 100 °C.

2. (original) Process according to claim 1 wherein the polymer is a (co)polyamide, a (co)polyester or a blend hereof.

3. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-2~~ claim 1, wherein the extruder is a single or a twin screw extruder.

4. (original) Process according to claim 3, wherein the extruder is a single screw extruder.

5. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein the oxazine is 2,2'-phenylene-bis(5,6-dihydro-4H-1,3-oxazine).

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6. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein the concentration of the oxazine is 0.01-5 wt% relative to the amount of the polymer.

7. (currently amended) Use of the polymer composition obtained with the process according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1 in applications in aqueous or acid environment, or in coatings.